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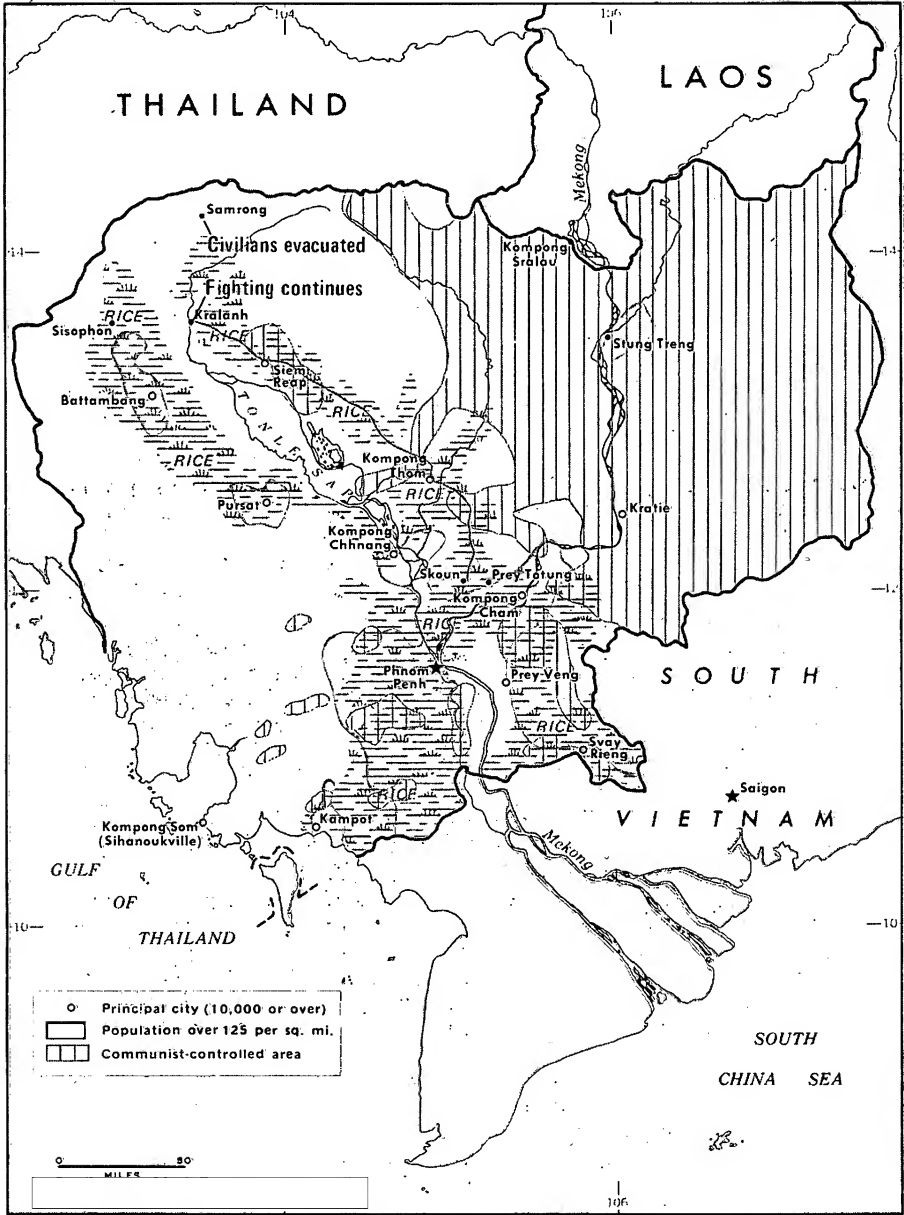
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CAMBODIA: Current Situation



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CAMBODIA

Heavy fighting continues near the crossroads town of Kralanh west of Siem Reap city. An intercepted government message indicates that several company-sized enemy units are active in the area and that some intend to destroy a bridge on Route 6 to cut traffic between Kralanh and Sisophon. Two bridges have already been destroyed east of Kralanh.

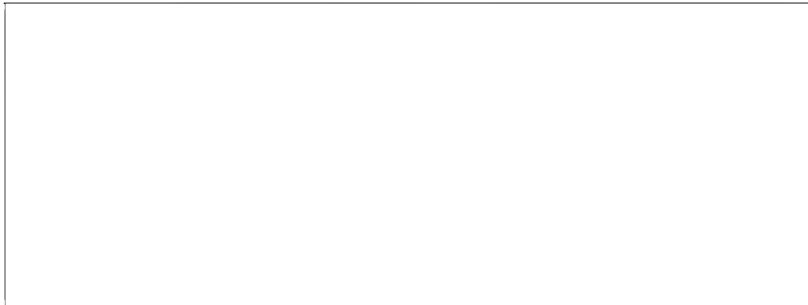
The governor of Oddar Meanchey Province has ordered the evacuation of civilians from Samrong town following a report that a large enemy force is nearby. The town is defended by only 450 poorly armed recruits, and the governor believes they could not resist for long if attacked. Phnom Penh has concentrated on the defense of more densely populated areas nearer the capital, and remote locations such as Oddar Meanchey are vulnerable to Communist attack.

Communist forces initiated several more contacts with government units guarding the northern approaches to Phnom Penh on 10 August. A North Vietnamese captured on 9 August is reported to have said he was part of a 30-man squad assigned to create havoc at a naval base one mile north of the capital.

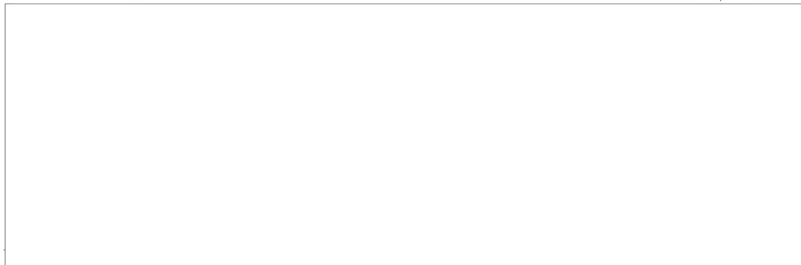
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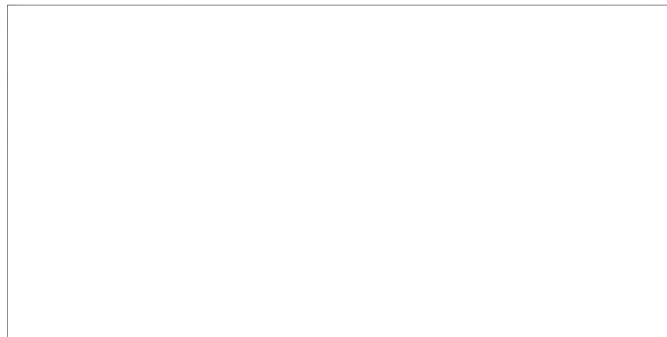
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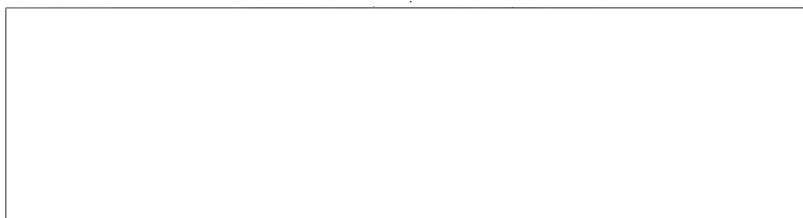


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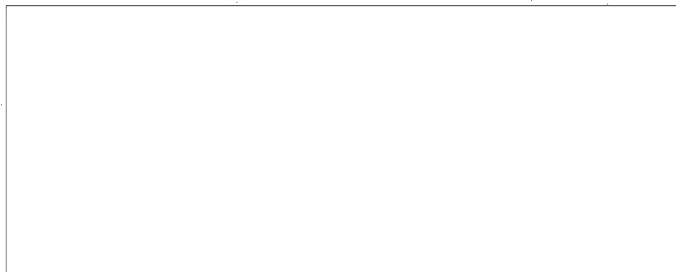
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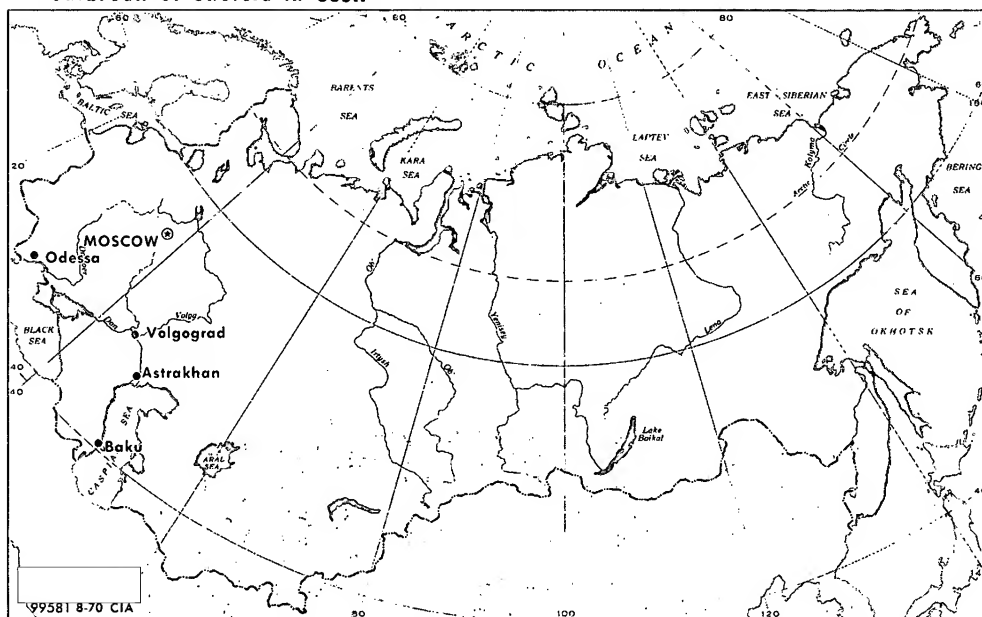
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Outbreak of Cholera in USSR



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USSR

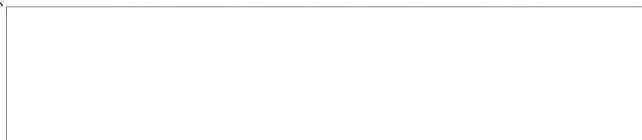
The full extent of the outbreak of cholera-- the first reported in the USSR since 1965-- is not yet certain. The Ministry of Health has announced that the disease has broken out in Astrakhan and Odessa, but has denied rumors of travel restrictions in the Crimea and Caucasus as well as reports that the cities of Baku and Volgograd are closed to travelers. Similar outbreaks have been noted recently in Egypt and Iran, and Soviet visitors to these countries may have carried the disease home with them.

In the past, over 40 percent of the outbreaks of infectious intestinal diseases in the Soviet Union have occurred in this same general area; almost all were traced to contaminated water and poor health practices. Soviet medical measures should be capable of insuring that the epidemic is of fairly short duration.

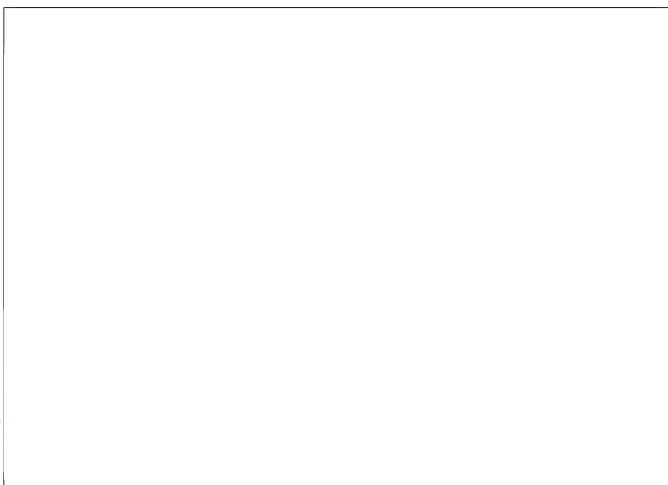
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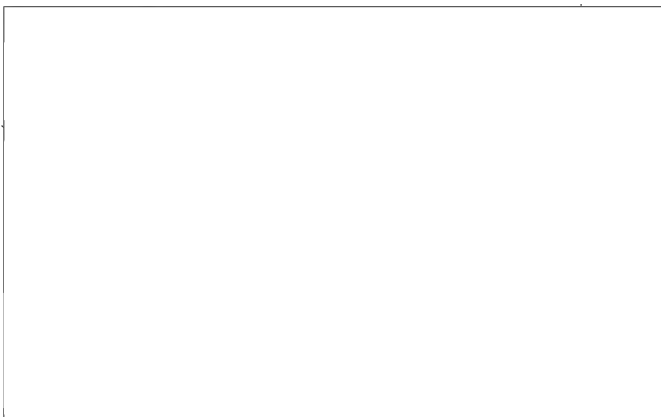
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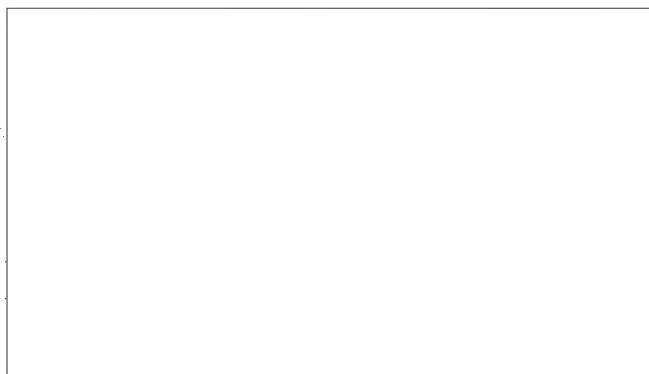


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NOTE

Uruguay: The Tupamaros announced in a communiqué late yesterday that the US agricultural specialist and the Brazilian diplomat are still alive and that they have not been "sentenced" as yet. Thousands of soldiers and policemen are combing Montevideo for the hostages, but have not turned up any trace of the two men. The Tupamaros say they will kill both if the hideout is discovered.

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